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**CLARK-COLEMAN BLASTS SENATE  
VOTE ON RACINO GAMBLING**

(LANSING) – State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman voiced her disagreement with Senate colleagues who on Thursday passed a House bill that would allow gambling at horse racetracks across the state. Sen. Clark-Coleman voted against the measure that narrowly passed the Senate by a vote of 20-18.

In her remarks on the Senate floor, Sen. Clark-Coleman spoke of her duty and that of all legislators to represent the families of Michigan. Using unprepared remarks, but speaking from her heart, Sen. Clark-Coleman identified the victims of racino gambling.

“Who do you think will be using these racinos and casinos? It won’t be the wealthy. It will be the poor people who are looking for a miracle. They are looking for someone to pull them out of where they are. And guess what? They will be spending the money that should take care of their food, their homes and their children,” she said.

Sen. Clark-Coleman is extremely concerned about the effect expanded gambling will have on the family structure, particularly children whose parents develop an addiction. She does not want to see Michigan become the gaming capitol of the United States.

The version of the House bill passed by the Senate is significantly different from its original form. More than 40 amendments were offered. It is expected that the House will reject the Senate changes sending the bill to conference committee.

*State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.*

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